

**Meeting Minutes  
Virginia Board of Education  
College Partnership Laboratory Schools Committee**

**Wednesday, June 23, 2010**

Mr. David Foster, Chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Committee member Dr. Virginia McLaughlin was present. Also present were Board members Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw, Dr. Ella Ward, Mrs. Elizabeth Beamer, Mrs. Isis Castro, Mr. David Johnson, and Mr. Rob Krupicka. Dr. Patricia Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction was also present.

Mr. Foster provided a brief overview of the legislation passed by the 2010 General Assembly (see [HB1389](#) and [SB738](#)) and discussed the Board of Education's charge to develop procedures for reviewing and applications for college partnership laboratory schools and for entering into contracts for these schools.

The committee heard a presentation from Mrs. Patty Pitts, Assistant Superintendent for Teacher Education and Licensure. Mrs. Pitts provided an overview of and discussed the history of college partnership laboratory schools in Virginia and across the country.

The committee raised several issues related to the purpose that distinguishes college laboratory schools from other schools, the reasons for closures of the college partnership laboratory schools in earlier years, International Baccalaureate (IB) programs in these schools, the number of college partnership laboratory schools across the country, and the role of these schools in professional development.

Mrs. Anne Wescott, Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Communications, reviewed the draft work plan related to the legislation passed by the General Assembly related to college partnership laboratory schools. Mrs. Wescott then provided the committee with information regarding four national experts who will make presentations at the next committee meeting on July 21.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Foster at 5:15 p.m.

All materials from this meeting can be found at:

[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/committees\\_standing/index.shtml#lab](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/committees_standing/index.shtml#lab)